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Good results from poor
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the Drug line and of the
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KING'S DRUG STORE,
Cor. Main and Water Sts.

LOCAL NEWS.

Denz, Tailor, 117 North Water St.
Fig Syrup, 85 cents a bottle, at Irwin's
drug store.

You pay a little more for Sleeth's por-
traits but—
Regular meeting of the city council this
evening.

Circuit court was in session today for
a few hours.

Smoke the Little J., 5-cent cigar, made
by Jacob Keck.

Five holiday packages of perfume at
West's drug store.

Quinine regular price, 15 cents an
ounce, at Irwin's.

Go to Henry's bakery for all kinds of
bread, cakes, pies, etc. June 23-dtd

Large bottle fragrant toilet cream, 15
cents, at Irwin's.

Smoke the famous Leda, a fine 10 cent
cigar, made by John Wolgast. Moh 25 tf.

Dr. L. E. Conradt, Dentist rooms 42
and 48 Fenton block. aug24-dtd

Irwin's Rook Balsam is the leading
cough and cold cure.

Holiday perfume packages, 35 cents, 50
cents and \$1 each at West's drug store.

Sleeth is the only photographer in the
city who guarantees satisfaction.

The old reliable K & W cigars are made
by John Wolgast. Moh 25-dtd.

Tender roast beef with brown gravy
served at noon daily at Singleton's restau-
rant. Oct21td

The best Christmas present is one of
those fine perfume packages at West's
drug store.

Chairman Hookaday will call the board
of supervisors to order tomorrow after-
noon at 1:30 o'clock.

C. B. Prescott and S. M. Lutz have on
sale the "Wheelmen's March," by Vernon
Henshale, of Blue Mound.

It is announced that a meeting of the
creditors of the Farmers' bank will be
held at the city council rooms on Wednes-
day evening next.

Go to Sam Small's lecture Wednesday
evening, Dec. 9, at the tabernacle. Ad-
mission only 10c. Subject, "From Bar
Room to Pulpit."—7-3dt

Rev. W. C. Miller, pastor of the Con-
gregational church will next Sunday lec-
ture a series of three sermons on Elizabeth
Stewart Phelps' new book, "A Singular
Life."

The members of the Briar Missionary
society will hold their regular monthly
meeting next Thursday afternoon at the
home of Mrs. Dennis, on North College
street.

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The pall bearers at the funeral of
Mrs. A. P. Riskey were Harry Shriver,
Charles Gilpin, Edward Dingman, Robert
Walsh, Charles Shively and William
Ravely.

The members of the Christian Endeavor
society of the Presbyterian church will
celebrate the tenth anniversary of the or-
ganization of their society by a banquet
tomorrow evening at the church.

New upright pianos \$225, \$250, \$275
and \$300. A good upright piano, slight-
ly used, for \$85 on payments. Call and
select for Christmas. Prescott music
house.—dec7 dtd

The funeral of the little daughter of
Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Nanna was held Sun-
day morning at 10 o'clock from the fam-
ily residence, No. 1707 North Railroad
avenue. The burial took place at the
Catholic cemetery.

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of One Minute Cough Cure. It never
fails in cold, croup and lung troubles.
Children like it because it is pleasant to
take and it helps them. A. J. Stoner &
Son and Armstrong Bros.

This week we are selling
50 Cuban Star Cigars at .75 cents
50 Social Tips Cigars at .75 cents
L. Chodot's News House.

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Miss Bertha Venzla, of Springfield, is a
visitor in Decatur.

DECATUR DOCTORS MAKE A TEST

Experiments With a Revolver Made Sat-
urday Afternoon.

Saturday afternoon coroner Bendure
with Dr. J. G. Harvey and Dr. J. D.
Wheeler, armed with the same revolver
found at the side of the lifeless body of
Rev. James Miller, visited a point south
of Greenwood cemetery, to settle a dispu-
ted question. They took with them a num-
ber of U. M. C. 38-calibre cartridges.

The object was to find out what sort of a
wound such a pistol makes and how long
powder burn is shown at different dis-
tances from flesh.

Dr. Harvey had procured two pieces of
pig skin, each five inches in width, and
the hair had been removed, leaving the
surface nearly white. First a piece of
hide was pinned to a big elm tree and
then Dr. Wheeler fired a ball from a dis-
tance of eighteen inches, but his marksmanship was poor, so Dr. Harvey, who is
an expert pistol shot, took the weapon.

Dr. Harvey first fired a ball from a dis-
tance of nine inches straight at the pig
skin. A small ragged hole was made.
There was no smoke or powder burn, but
the edges of the place where the pig skin
was punctured were black as if burned.

The next shot was fired from a distance
of twelve inches. In this instance the
edges of the hole were black, but there
was no smoke or powder burn to be found
any place on the skin.

Dr. Harvey increased the distance to
eighteen inches next time and the result
was not the same. The hole for a dis-
tance of an inch and a half on the edges
of the hole were black, with powder
smoke, but when it was wiped off it was
found that there was no trace of powder
burn and the edges appeared exactly the
same as in the other two instances. Dr.
Harvey walked back a distance of fifteen
feet and aimed the revolver at a fresh
piece of pig skin and fired. The ball
pierced the center and made a more regu-
lar shaped hole, the edges of which were
blackened as if the ball had turned as it
went through.

The same Smith & Wesson revolver,
loaded with the same make and size of
cartridges, was used by the doctors.

The three gentlemen will continue the
experiments before they submit a report.

It was shown that while the hide might
be smoked by the discharge of a 38-calibre
Smith & Wesson revolver loaded with U.
M. C. cartridges, yet there would be little
or no powder burn.

If the heirs of Rev. James Miller com-
mence proceedings to get the \$3000 insur-
ance on the accident ticket carried by him
such experiments may come up in the evi-
dence of the case.

NOT A RIPPLE.

Newly Elected County Officers Drop in
Place.

The newly elected county officials took
their places at the court house this morn-
ing, and in his office on Spring avenue,
Jesse E. Bendure recognized Jesse E.
Bendure, coronor, for another term of four
years. I. R. Mills recognized States At-
torney I. R. Mills for another cycle of
four years, and G. V. Loring found County
Surveyor G. V. Loring on hand ready
to go on duty.

The only change was in the circuit
clerk's office, where David L. Foster suc-
ceeded Edwinton McClellan. There was
no ceremony attending the transfer. Mr.
Foster went on duty as clerk, and J. W.
McClellan and Robert Williams continue
as deputy clerks. Mr. McClellan was in
the office this forenoon, looking over pa-
pers and personally seeing that the affairs
of the office went along smoothly, and
they did.

"The Merry World."
On next Friday, Dec. 11, that great
New York success, "The Merry World,"
will be seen at the Powers Grand opera
house. This will be cheering news for
those amusement seekers, whose tastes
impel them toward the bright, light, clean
and effervescent style of entertainment as
"The Merry World" boasts of no plot and
enters only to amuse. The audience is
treated to a succession of comic-opera,
vaudeville, spectacular and farce-comedy
and the richest embellishments in the
way of stage settings and the most allur-
ing novelties in the way of brilliant illu-
minations, mechanical and electrical
effects, costly costumes, properties, etc.
The ballet will be one of the chief fea-
tures of "The Merry World" this season,
under the leadership of Mme. Catharine
Bartho, the authentic premier danseuse.
Also the great transformation dancer, Ida
Fuller, sister of La Louis, will introduce
four of her more remarkable dances, with
all electrical effects and costumes used by
this celebrated lady each evening.

The Wheelmen.
Sunday morning the members of the
Wheelmen's club had a run on ordinary
bicycles. Frank Farles, Bert Weaver and
George Hart rode old fashioned high
wheeled bicycles and a number of others
had wheels of old makes. The boys at-
tracted considerable attention as they rode
through the city as it has been some time
since the old wheels have been seen on
the streets.

Frank Farles and Frank Pahrmeier
made a century run to Springfield Sun-
day afternoon. They started in the morn-
ing and returned at 6 o'clock.

There will be a meeting of the Wheel-
men's club tomorrow evening at the club
rooms in the Syndicate block. Several
matters of business will be brought up
and eight new members are to be admit-
ted.

Births.
Born—To Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ran-
dall, of Champlain, Ill., on December 6,
a daughter. Mrs. Randall was formerly
Miss Maude Rogers of this city.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. John Oren, of
West Wood street, on Sunday, Dec. 6, a
son.

Rev. Sam Small
Will deliver his famous lecture entitled
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sue of admission, 10c, is on low
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ABOUT MOVING THE LIBRARY.

There is a Scheme on Foot to 'Raise a Sub-
scription and Induce the Library to
Locate in the Powers Block.

Mention was made some time ago of a
rumor that the public library might
move into the new Powers building. No
action has ever been taken by the library
board but it is understood that there is
now a scheme on foot to offer inducements
to that body sufficient to warrant
changing quarters. The library has a
lease on the present room in the library
block which will not expire until 1899,
and the idea is to raise enough money to
pay the rent for the library in the new
building until the time of the expiration
of the old lease so that if the library was
moved there would be no extra expense
on account of the lease which is held on
the old place. If the scheme is carried
out the money will be raised from the
merchants in the vicinity of the Powers
block who would be benefited by the peo-
ple being attracted to that part of the
business district of the city.

As yet no proposition has been made to
the library board but it is likely that at
the meeting which will be held at the
close of this month something of the kind
will be brought up by those who are in-
terested in the movement. The room
which would be occupied by the library
in case it moved is on the fifth floor of the
building. It is a large pleasant room and
would be well fitted for such a place.
Many of the patrons of the library look
favorably upon the change and others ob-
ject on the grounds that the room is too
high up. Advocates of the removal say
the good elevator service would probably
remove this objection. The members of
the library board have not officially con-
sidered the matter and it is not known
whether or not they would accept the
offer if it is made.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Frank Taylor was in Taylorville today
on a business trip.

Louis Bailey, of Blue Mound, was in
the city today on business.

Gus Abrons returned home from Chica-
go this afternoon.

Rev. W. H. Penhalegon went to Spring-
field today on business.

Ernest Roderick, of Cerro Gordo, was in
the city today on business.

Dr. E. B. Walston was in Lintner yes-
terday on professional business.

Dr. W. J. Chesworth went to Warrens-
burg today on a professional visit.

Mrs. T. W. Douglas, who has been in
Pough for some time past visiting her
daughter, has arrived home.

Mrs. Joseph Ralston and Miss Clara
Wilhelm, of DeKalb, Ohio, are visiting
at the home of John S. Campbell.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ned-
ermeyer, at Bloomington, on Dec. 6,
a son. The mother is a daughter of C. Ann-
mann of this city, and the father is a son
of E. W. Nedermeyer.

Death of the Wife of Gov. Matthews.
Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 7.—Mrs. Mat-
thews, wife of Governor Matthews, was
suddenly taken by a fatal hemorrhage of the
stomach last night. She had been indis-
posed for a couple of days, but was feel-
ing much better last evening that she
was up and about, and she and the gov-
ernor were alone in the library about 8:30
o'clock when she started to walk across
the room, and fell to the floor, with blood
running from her mouth and nostrils.
The governor carried her to a couch, and
the family physician, Dr. R. French
Stone, was called at once. He saw the
fatal nature of the trouble, and telegrams
were sent to their daughters, Mrs. Cortez
Ewing of Greensburg, and Miss Helen
Matthews, now attending the Cincinnati
Conservatory of Music. A consultation
of physicians was called, but they found
that Mrs. Matthews had but a few hours
to live. Mrs. Matthews was a daughter
of Governor James Whitcomb, and they
have been married nearly thirty years.
The governor's only son, Seymour Mat-
thews, died at Atlanta a year ago.

FOREIGN GOSSIP.

Downing street is to be no longer a
synonym for the British government.
The site of the prime minister's resi-
dence at No. 10 and the street itself are to
be covered by new government of-
fices.

An explosion of acetylene gas, used
for lighting in a Lyons cafe, com-
pletely wrecked the cafe, severely in-
jured three persons who were in it
at the time, broke every pane of glass
in the building, which is four stories
high, and tore off the doors from their
hinges on the first two stories.

A bomb was recently sent to the
factory of Messrs. Ayco & Co., Bir-
mingham, England, and if the presu-
sion cap had not slipped out of place
in the course of transit the bomb would
have exploded on the opening of the
box. It is believed to be the work of a
discharged servant.

A simple method of murder and
robbery, with small chances of detec-
tion, was devised by some Russian peas-
ants on the Persian border and has re-
cently been brought to light. A fever
for emigration has existed for some
years in Poland and people who could
not obtain passports to leave Russia
after selling all they had would secrete
their money upon their persons and
hide these peasants to smuggle their
across the frontier. As their departure
had to be kept secret, and the emi-
grants were generally illiterate persons
of no prominence, it was very easy to
lead them into out-of-the-way places
murder them and strip them, with lit-
tle probability of their being missed.

A Watseka girl who spells her name
Kathryn has a fellow who gets even by
spelling his name Jyn.

The Masons of Fairbury rededicated
their reconstructed hall last evening.

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THE ORIENT.

The regular meeting of the Princes of
the Orient will be held Wednesday night,
Dec. 9, in the K. P. hall, open house
block. There are a number of candidates
to go through the awful ordeal.

Those Princes who are in arrears for
their dues should make it a point to be
present and get square on the books. If
they fail to fork over the half dollar this
month they will not be able to pass the
violet in January unless they put up \$2.

CIRCUIT COURT.

William Morris Released from the County
Jail.

Judge Vail resumed business in the
circuit court this forenoon, and heard a
number of motions in the common law
and chancery dockets. Criminal cases
will be taken up next week.

A Very Sick Man.
William Morris, the stranger who was
indicted for the hold-up of Agent Hunt
at the Illinois Central office at Walker
station, is a very sick man, down with
consumption. He has been occupying the
east room in the upper part of the
jail, and his condition lately has been
quite critical. Members of the W. C. U.
became interested in Morris, and it
was largely through their efforts that the
charge against him was this morning
stricken from the docket with leave to re-
instate. Morris has consumption. It
was thought he would die last night. He
was taken to St. Mary's hospital. His
recovery is doubtful.

George Jones, who had served out his
jail sentence, was discharged under the
insolvent debtor's act.

KILLED BY A HORSE.

John Chapman, a Farmer Living Near
Hoody, was Killed and Died
Almost Instantly.

John Chapman, a well known farmer
living between Blue Mound and Hoody,
met with a sudden death this morning.
He was killed by a horse and killed
Mr. Chapman was working about his
place when one of the horses kicked him,
the hoof striking him on the chest over
the heart. He died a short time after
the accident.

Mr. Chapman was 40 years old and had
five sons, Jacob, James, Debs, John and
Wesley Chapman. He also leaves a wife
The deceased owned an eighty acre farm
on which he made his home and was well
known in that part of the county. He
has lived on the place for the past twenty
years.

IA. H. VARNEY IS DEAD

A Veteran Hotel Keeper and Member of
the K. P. Order.

A. H. Varney died of heart disease at
7 o'clock this morning at the Varney home
in Marion, aged 78 years, leaving a wife
and one son. The deceased was one of
the best known hotel keepers in this part
of the state. He was in charge of the
Central house, this city, part of the time
during the war, and also conducted hotels
at Assumption and at Ramsey. He was
a member of the Knights of Pythias or-
ganization. The funeral will take place
from the Varney house at Marion town-
ship tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock, and will
be in charge of the members of Royal Lodge
Knights of Pythias.

New Pastor at Mt. Zion.
Rev. M. C. Cockrum, began his pasto-
rate at the Cumberland Presbyterian
church at Mt. Zion Sunday. For eight
months this church had been without a
pastor and the people of the community
had become as anxious as hungry chil-
dren to hear good preaching up at Mt. Zion.
Cockrum is one of the pleasant and
easy, and at the same time forcible and
earnest speakers that has ever been heard
in Mt. Zion. The people are delighted
with him and expect great good to result
from his ministrations. The bringing of
this pastor and congregation together has
been fraught with much difficulty and
both people and pastor believe that in
accomplishment has been brought about
by the hand of Providence and now they
expect to see "Zion go forward." Rev.
Cockrum comes from Boonville, Ind.

Mrs. Lucinda Turner.
Bloomington, Ill., Dec. 7.—Mrs. Lu-
cinda Barnes, one of the oldest and most
respected of the early settlers of McLean
county, died Sunday morning, aged 87.
She was a native of Little Falls, N. Y.,
and had lived here since 1841. She was
the widow of Calvin Barnes, one of the
most extensive land owners of the coun-
ty. She leaves one daughter and several
sons, who are prominent men of Bloom-
ington.

Venezuela Accepts Arbitration.
Washington, Dec. 7.—Secretary Olney
has just received a cablegram from the
Venezuelan minister to the United States
now in Caracas, stating that Venezuela
has accepted the agreement between the
United States and Great Britain, for the
arbitration of the boundary dispute and
that an extra session of the Venezuelan
congress had been called to consider the
treaty.

Northcott's Private Secretary.
Greenville, Ill., Dec. 7.—Hon. W. A.
Northcott, lieutenant governor-elect has
selected W. W. Lewis, editor of the Great
ville Advocate, as his private secretary at
Springfield. Mr. Lewis is past president
of the Illinois Press association.

The Weather.
Chicago, Dec. 7.—Cloudy tonight. Tem-
perature, slight change in temperature light
northerly winds, shifting to Tuesday
northerly.

Col. Fellows' Condition.
New York, Dec. 7.—Col. Fellows is
very weak. The end is expected at any
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Louis, sister of Mrs. Kinman. The par-
ents of the child left for the Bermuda Is-
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LOCAL NEWS.

Foggy and raw this morning.
Christmas comes on Friday this year.
The county board will meet in regular session tomorrow.

A new orchestra has been organized at Champaign by Huyko and Schaede.

The Grand Opera House cigars made by Johnny Weigand are the best in town. Each 25-cd.

What's the matter with you? Constipated? Cascaros will cure. Eat them like candy.

Capps & Sons' woolen mill at Jacksonville, has resumed work, giving employment to 200.

Smoke the Little J., a fine hand made. Sumatra wrapper—5 cent cigar.

Tuesday night the members of the Wheelmen's club will hold a meeting at their club rooms.

Saturday evening Robert I. Hunt gave a party for a number of gentlemen friends at his home on West William street.

Little Diana cigar; business men's ideal smoke; 5 for 10 cents; 100 for \$1.50. L. Chodas' News House.—14 dtd

Just before going to bed eat a Cascaro; only cathartic. Makes you feel fine in the morning.

Irwin's Root Balsam is a sure cure for coughs and colds.

Mamma eats a Cascaro; baby gets the benefit. Cascaros make mother's milk mildly purgative.

The officers of the Illinois Valley Odd Fellows' association are beginning to arrange for the anniversary meeting, to be held in Rantoul April 26.

Felt boots and overs at Waggoner & Co.'s for \$1.90.

Harry Fahrth, the Saunemin Wabash agent, has taken charge of the Wabash interests at Pontiac. Ayers, of Wing, will take his place at Saunemin.

You can save money if you will call at the C. B. Prescott music home. The Harnes and Reed & Sons pianos are the best and go at low prices on easy terms.

No. 92, held by a traveling man named R. S. Bradshaw won the penny-in-the-slot music box, disposed of at the St. Nicholas hotel Saturday evening.

A sixty foot span bridge in Compton township, Ford county, which has just been completed at a cost of \$1289, has been accepted by the road commissioners.

Considerable work is being done on that division of the Illinois Central between Leroy and Rantoul. New rails are being put down and the roadbed is being much improved.

Saturday afternoon at a farm south of Niantic Constable Mulkiff sold a threatening outfit which he had taken from George and Andrew Miller on a mortgage for \$1500 held against it by Kingman & Co., of Peoria. It was bid in for \$450 by Kingman & Co. and they will ship it back to Peoria.

More government patents for lands purchased by Philo Hale at a land sale in Danville October 12, 1893, have been filed in the recorder's office. The instruments bear the signature of Martin Van Buren as president. The land in question amounted to 300 acres.

A horse which ran away with a spring wagon in Lincoln ran seven and a half miles. William Hambricker, the driver, staid with the wagon for six miles and then jumped out when a shaft broke. Not much damage was done. For a long distance runaway it is believed this breaks the record.

A CASE OF BROTHER-IN-LAW.

In Which Barr is the Loser and Keene is Clearly Ahead.

Bloomington Leader: The case of John W. Barr, removed from the Atlanta post-office by the president, is one of special interest to Mr. Barr. He has made an exceptionally good officer. All parties, Democrats, gold Democrats, and Republicans admit this with almost perfect unanimity. Mr. Barr was singularly free from partisan activity in the fall campaign. He was removed without a hearing. It appears quite certainly that Judge Hobbs of Lincoln, one of the chief gold Democrats in the state, had his way about it. It is more than suspected that if Marcellus Keene had not been the brother-in-law of the distinguished goldite, Mr. Barr's pernicious activity would never have been discovered. There is some excuse for the administrative removing postmasters and other officers who prominently allied themselves with the Bryan campaign. It was the chief business of the Chicago convention and the subsequent campaign of the silverites to denounce "old Cleveland" and his administration. Men holding federal offices, for the sake of decency, at least, should, as Hoke Smith did, resign when they decided to turn their batteries on the powers that gave them official breath. There are a good many Illinois federal officials, postmasters and others who might be condemned justly. It looks, therefore, very unjust, if not cruel, to elect a man as a victim simply because in his town lives a man who has an influential brother-in-law.

At the Churches.
The services at the First Presbyterian church Sunday evening were well attended. The pastor, Rev. W. H. Penhallow, delivered a sermon on the subject, "Life's Unexpected Happenings and Its Limitations." He spoke of the many unexpected things which occur in the life of a person or community which turn them from their plans. He also referred to the limitations of life, in the bounds of which we must all live, and in conclusion appealed to the people to take advantage of all the opportunities which present themselves and not waste their time which lasts but such a short time. During the services a vocal solo was rendered by Mrs. Mueller.

The vestry of St. John's Episcopal church will hold a meeting this evening at the church for the purpose of arranging business matters.

The pastor of the Presbyterian church is arranging for special services which will be held during the month of January.

A Very Funny Show.
We are not overestimating this new farce comedy, "A Booming Town," when we give it the heading we do, as it is one of the funniest farce comedies that has ever appeared in our city. There is an interesting plot, a very funny story, the pieces staged with all special scenery, representing the seaside and all the bathos, also the second act showing the only drug store in "A Booming Town," and the third act showing the parlors at Bloomville hotel. Several very clever specialties are introduced, as well as some of the latest melodies and dancing specialties.

Phil W. Peters and Billy Link are said to be intensely funny and manage to keep the audience in good humor all during the play. They are assisted by a number of very clever comedians and pretty songstresses who help to make "A Booming Town" one of the funniest musical farce comedies on the road this season, and will be seen at the Grand opera house next Wednesday evening.

Ward in "King Lear" To Night.
The distinguished tragedian, Mr. Frederick Ward, will be at the Grand opera house tonight in his superb production of Shakespeare's tragedy, "King Lear." This is Mr. Ward's first visit in two seasons and he brings with him the most elaborate Shakespearean revival he has ever made. The critics declare that his "Lear" is the finest characterization he has yet made and surpasses in artistic strength even his Virginus. He carries a

carload of scenery and his production has been lavishly praised. The most notable scene is the storm of the third act which is quoted as a marvel of stage realism. Included in Mr. Ward's company are Messrs. Charles Sutton, Darrell Venton, Beurol Turner, Harry C. Barton, Ernest Charles Ward, Morton Baker, R. Cortman, Thomas Adson Smith, Grant Foreman, Cullidge Sherwood, and the Misses Florence Wilbarham, Marcia Treadwell, Reta Villiers and Phyllis Ashcom.

Goodman Band Program.
Goodman's band concert program, tabernacle Thursday night, Dec. 10. Admission only 10 cents.

March Histrionics—W. P. Chambers Overture "Zampa"—Harold. Coconut Dance—A. Norman. Spanish Waltz, Los Angeles—D. S. Godfrey.

Medley Overture "In Gay New York"—L. O. Dewitt. "Two Little Bullfinches," clarinet duet—Messrs. H. Walter and Mont Penhallow. Selection—"The Princess Bonnie," from Comic opera.

"Nigger in the Barn Yard," Descriptive Congloreration—Chas. Layenberg.

A Poosum Feast.
Saturday night Chief Devet, and the firemen at the Morgan street fire house had a grand "poosum" feast without tonsils or mauls. There were two "poosums" cooked to a turn, nice dressing, plenty of gravy, cranberry sauce, celery, rye bread and cheese. The feasting firemen were Chief Devet, Capt. Platt, James Boyle, Clinton Culp, Ed Wilkins, Howard Williams, Silas Lowery, Will Platt, Wesley Cowens, P. Farley, Will Schlan, Tom Enkes, Ake Enlow, Louise Bickers, Fred Smith, W. H. Slater, Frank Sibbey, Jack Frost, "Tough" Miller, the mascot, John Morland, William Hudson and two reporters.

Fast Time.
Wabash fast mail train No. 1 on Sunday morning left Decatur at 12:33 a. m., twenty minutes late, and arrived at Hay depot, East St. Louis, at 2:35 a. m., on time, a distance of 110 miles in 123 minutes, including three stops and two slow downs. The run was made with engine 570, Engineer Harry Gibson, Fireman Thomas Burns. This time beats Gibson's previous record, made on mail train No. 6, by three minutes.

Funerals Sunday.
The funeral of the late Mrs. A. P. Riley was held Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the First Presbyterian church and was largely attended. The services were conducted by Rev. W. H. Penhallow and the burial was at Greenwood cemetery.

What's the Matter With Kansas?
The Tuleja (Kos) Tomahawk says an emigrant wagon arrived the other day, on the cover of which was this clause: Farwell, Kansas and Nebraska. We bid you both adieu. We may migrate to h—ll some day, But never back to you.

S. S. in Attitude.
During the coming year there will be three or four Sunday school institutes in the country and one of two days in Decatur.

In the county court Saturday Sherry Tuttle filed his bond as administrator of the estate of William Florey. It is in the sum of \$40,000 and Hentietta A. Tuttle and Alfred Florey are the sureties.

The Rev. Z. T. Hatfield of the U. B. church, conducted the funeral of the late Willie Tottel at the church in Long Creek township on Sunday forenoon at 11 o'clock.

The members of the Rushbone Sisters will give an entertainment and supper this evening at the K. of P. hall in the Library block.

Surrender. You might as well make your purchases this week. Christmas is close at hand.

Bulk perfumes and atomizers for Christmas, low prices at West's drug store.

A WOMAN SOLDIER.

"Yes, there are women in the army." "I know that—I know that Mrs. Logan was with the general a good deal and so was General Barlow's brave wife with her husband in the army. I have seen Mrs. Barlow riding by the side of the general on more than one march. I saw her once when Barlow's division was suddenly attacked by the enemy. The bursting of shells directly over her head did not seem to scare her, and when the general directed an order to escort Mrs. Barlow to a place of safety she begged to remain. Just then a dozen shells and solid shot rushed over their heads like a train flying over a bridge.

"My dear," said General Barlow, "this is no place for you. Go back. I can't fight with my wife in such danger as this."

"I'll go, general," said the lady, "but how must I feel when I know that my husband is in such danger?"

"Three or four of the Johnny camp-kettles, by the Whitworth gun route, dropping over at that point, singling their well known whistler-woaher, wader boom-bing-plug-plug-plug song, when Barlow called out, 'Good by, my dear, I'll be back soon. Orderly, obey your orders, take Mrs. Barlow away from here at once,' and the orderly and the woman galloped out of danger.

"But I've told a war story with a woman in it, when I started out to tell you on the question of women soldiers. Did you know of any?"

"I said yes, and I meant woman soldiers, not women with the army, such as you have been talking about," was Col. Charles Richardson's answer—Richardson, the printer, who was a private, made a prisoner by Mosby, but lived to get out and become a Dakota editor, a colonel and a member of the legislature. Then he told the following story:

"I was made a prisoner soon after the Kelly Ford fight, while a member of the train guard, on our way with rations to Culpeper. Upon reaching a bit of forest near Brandy Station Mosby's men swooped down upon us. The first thing I knew Mosby was within a few feet of me calling for a surrender and allowing me to look into a six shooter. The guerilla chief caught sight of my fine new pair of high top boots, for which the sutler had received \$12 the day before.

"Get out of those boots, young fellow," was his second order.

"Can't I keep them?"

"Back talk in one's hole through you in a second. Get out of those boots. That was enough. The boots came off. 'I know it up here,' was the gruff order when one was off. I can see now how the guerilla chief looked, as he saw his right foot over to the left, took off his well worn shoes and threw them at my feet with an order to put them on and plant quick too. But we have no time to fool away. And they hadn't for our cavalry had heard the skirmish and were rapidly riding to our relief, but they didn't catch up with us, so, in time, it took a week we reached a friendly prison.

"My particular chum in prison was a headless young Virginian, Billie Gintex whose family he said, was loyal to the old government and hadn't objected to his entering the union army. He had been captured at about the same time Mosby plucked our squad. My chum was very nervous, and hated prison life worse than I did, if possible. He might as well have little with the other prisoners. We carried our rationes kept under the same blanket and became very good friends.

"In January, 1864, the Richmond White office was in great need of printers. The foreman called upon Major Dick Turner, the prison keeper, and the two came to our floor and asked if there were any gun knockers there. A Vermont named Baker and myself responded. They said we could have work if we would take a parole not to leave the city, give information, or do anything else embarrassing par-

old prisoners. We readily agreed to the terms.

"My chum, Gintex, took on no belly at all. I was his brother starting on a long and dangerous tour. He begged me not to go, saying he didn't want to make friends with the other, declaring that I had been a very brother to him. But I partially satisfied him by saying that it was not likely that they would want more than a week or two, and that now and then I would send him something good to eat. But I shall never forget so much, Chasley. Come back as soon as you can."

"It was 11 o'clock when they let us out. We were to go to work at 8. While passing the Spottedwood house I said: 'Baker, let's go in and get a square meal. It's been a long time since we've had one.'"

"After registering, washing and brushing up, we started for the dining-room when one of the Confederate officers, wearing our blue clothes, asked us if we were Yankees. We told him yes.

"What in the name of blue blazes are you doing here?"

"We came here to dine."

"I arrest you."

"I guess not," said Baker, as he showed his pass from General Winder, and copy of his parole. We were allowed to dine. My! but how we did eat. We were young fellows, I was only 17, and we had boys' appetites after that long deprivation. When the clerk said '90 cents I had about \$15 and Baker less than \$15. Suddenly it came to me that his charge was based on Johnny money; how much in it in greenbacks? Oh, it's possible money you have. A dollar of that will do."

"But what about the woman soldier?"

"The patient. I had been at work at the Whig a week or ten days when of a day, while on the way to the office, I met an officer of the patrol guard, whom I had never seen, coming toward me. He was dressed in uniform and was with him. He looked at me as if he expected would recognize her. Seeing that I did not, she laughed, extended her hand and asked, 'Why Chasley, don't you know me?' 'I've heard the voice, but can't place you.'"

"The Billie Gintex your price about not a boy, as you supposed, but a girl, and for the union if they hang me for it."

Her Virgin friends had found out where she was and by some means gotten her out of prison. I learned afterwards from the officer that she was a relative John Minor Gintex at one time a clerk in the Virginia legislature who had married true to the union. J. A. W. Jones in the Richmond Herald.

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Spiced Coffee, per lb..... 20c
Sauer Kraut, per gallon..... 15c
Home made Mince Meat, 3 lbs..... 25c
2 gal. buckles Syrup..... 50c
Silver Drops Syrup, per gal..... 30c
4 packages American Rolled Oats..... 25c
Bulk Out Meal, 3c per lb; 10 lbs. for 25c
Cranberries, 2 quarts for 25c
Lemon Pickers, per lb..... 5c
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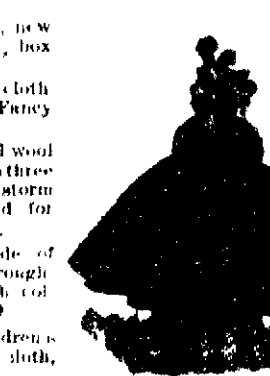
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1 gallon Sauer Kraut.....	15c
4 quarts Cranberries.....	25c
15-pound Pail Jelly.....	50c
1 pound Pork Steak.....	7c
1 pound Pork Sausage.....	6c
1 dozen Pickles.....	3c
1 gallon Pail Table Syrup.....	39c
1 gallon Cider Vinegar.....	13c
1 gallon Sweet Cider.....	15c
4 pounds Pure Lard.....	25c
1 lb Salt Bacon, per lb.....	6c
1 pound Broom.....	9c
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The crowd had bought their circus tickets at the wagon and passed into the tent when a little old woman approached the vehicle and said:

"I've walked eight miles to see this circus show and I ain't got no money."

"Fifty cents for a ticket, ma'am," was the reply.

"I can't pay it."

"Then you can't go in."

"Look, yere, stranger," she continued, "I've got an old man yere. He's walkin' around to git a whop at the elephant, and if I go to him and sic him on he'll roll that critter all over the road or break a leg a-tryin'."

"Fifty cents for a ticket, ma'am."

"And I've got a son Bill yere. Bill is down on giraffes, and if I go to him and tell him that your long-necked critter is makin' up faces at him, he'll whoop a whop, crack his heels together and sail in and break the varmint in two."

"We pass no one in free, ma'am," replied the agent.

"And I've got a son Joe yere," she continued, "he she drew closer. 'Joe is down on camels, and jest a-dyin' for a row with one. If I go to him an' encourage him a bit he'll knock that bump off yo'r camel befo' yo' can wink twice. Last year he knocked seven bumps off a seven camels and didn't half try."

"I should be glad to give you a ticket, but it's against the rules."

"And my son Abe is yere a-lookin' fur a row with a rhinoceros. He's heard that a rhinoceros kin whop a rhinoc' on the face of the airth, and he wants to see about it. Abe is a good boy, but down on rhinoceroses. I hate to go to him and tell him to sail in, for this yere ground will be kivered with blood in no time, but it's jest as yo' say."

"Fifty cents, ma'am," said the agent, although he exhibited considerable nervousness.

"And yere's my son Tom," continued the woman, "and with him about fifteen of our maybans, who ar' achin' for a row with a circus in general, but a ticket wagon in particular. I hate to go to them and say that I've walked eight miles to git into a circus, and then he kept on, for they'll begin to whoop and shute, and that won't be no holdin' in time, but I reckon I'll hev to do it."

"I—I think I can give you a ticket, ma'am," said the agent, as he passed one out.

"Do ye? Thanks. That's kind of ye. I was jest goin' to say that I know about 50 men yere who are down on serpents, lions, tigers, clowns and zebras, and I'd go around and hunt 'em up an' tell 'em to wind in, but bein' yo' are so kind."

"O, no thanks, ma'am—go right in," he interrupted.

"I'll do it, and owing to yo'r kindness I won't kick the heads off the dargones hyenas, no break the ribs of the sacred bull from India. I know when I'm well used, I do, and I'll jest keep powerful quiet and not even sass the men with the red lemonade."—N. Y. World.

HE WAS IN A BOX.
Nikese Made by a Californian Trained to Chicago Ways.

A stranger in Chicago, en route to California, stepped into a fashionable restaurant and addressed one of the table waiters.

"I want a lunch for two—in a box—understand?"

"Yes, sah, puffedly, sah! Please step this way."

The customer followed the waiter, who ushered him into a snug compartment capable of holding two or four, with a table in the center.

Then he handed him a menu and received a very liberal order, which included fried oysters, fried chicken, fruit and fish, and other good things. When the waiter was gone the man applied himself to a newspaper, and for half or three-quarters of an hour whiffled away the time. Then the waiter reappeared, staggering under the weight of a tray, with the usual table appointments.

"How is this?" asked the surprised customer. "I asked for a lunch in a box."

"Yes, sah, jess so, sah, here it am," said the waiter, briskly.

"But where is the box?"

"Youse in the box, sah," responded the waiter, and then the truth began to dawn on the customer.

"What do you mean?" he asked.

"We sells dis yere a box in dis city," said the waiter, casting his eyes around the compartment.

Then the customer explained that he wanted lunch in a lunch box to take with him on the train to California, and he waited wearily while the mistake was rectified. Chicago Times-Herald.

Hedgehog and Viper.
The fact that the hedgehog fearlessly attacks and kills the viper has been ascribed by some naturalists to the protection afforded by its spiny cover. More recently, however, it has been discovered that even when bitten in the unprotected arm, and in the region of the eyes, by a venomous serpent the hedgehog suffers no ill consequences. This observation has led to experiments by MM. Physalis and Bertrand, in France, demonstrating, as they believe, that the hedgehog is an immunizing substance in the blood of the hedgehog which serves as an antidote to the poison. They say all animals possess this substance in varying degrees, but in many it is not sufficiently active to counteract the effects of venom. They hope to obtain a serum which can be used as an antidote not only in cases of snake-bite, but for many other poisons as well.—Louth's Companion.

Something of a Problem.
"Men elected to your legislature are generally addressed as 'honorable,' are they not?"

"Yes."

"Why?"

"That's what lots of us have been star to find out."—Chicago Post.

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FOREIGN GOSSIP.

—Mr. Garrard, of the zoological department of the British museum, has just retired of his own accord after 65 years of continuous service.

—President Faure was received officially 127 times on his arrival and departure by train by the local authorities during his two months' stay at Havre this summer.

—Philip Gilbert Hamilton, at the time of his death, had completed his autobiography up to his 25th year, when he was married. The narrative has been continued from that time by his widow and will be published soon.

—Prof. August Dühr, who died recently at the age of 90 years at Friedland in Mecklenburg, has published a few months before death a translation of Homer into Plattdeutsch verse. He is best known by his translations of German poetry into classic Greek.

—Capt. Wiggins' trading expedition to Siberia has proved again successful this year, the Lorna Doone having reached Vardo on the return voyage from the Yenisei. She brought with her the salvage of the Stjernen, which ran ashore last year in the Kara sea.

—Piero Lodi went to a bull fight at Fuenterabia recently and was made the guest of honor. The chief espada dedicated the death of the bull to him, and after the fight the novelist was obliged to throw his hat and pocket book into the ring to live up to Spanish etiquette.

—That now almost obsolete musical instrument, the lute, is about to be revived in Italy, a society being in process of formation in Florence for the purpose of encouraging an appreciation of it. This will be known as the Societa del Luto, and its inauguration will be celebrated by a grand concert, in which several leading Italian musicians will take part, including Signor Mascagni, who is, moreover, composing a new piece for the occasion, entitled "The Apotheosis of the Lute."

BALLOONS TO SAVE LIFE.
Air Ships Harbored to Lifeboats the Latest Invention from Connecticut.

The balloon has become a marine life-saving appliance. The big ocean greyhounds will soon, it is thought, be equipped with life-saving boats harnessed to balloons so as to be practically unsinkable. This novel device has been patented by a shrewd Connecticut Yankee.

While the combination boat will doubtless prove of the greatest service in saving people far out at sea, it will not be available at life-saving stations. The wind is usually blowing shoreward when vessels are in danger, and for this reason it would be almost impossible to force the boat, harnessed by the balloon, to the assistance of a craft.

In a recent test made in the Connecticut river, near Middletown, it was shown that, even with the boat filled with water to the gunwales, the lifting power of the balloon prevented the craft from sinking or upsetting.

The boat was constructed under Mr. Riley's direction, and is 16 feet in length. Cylinders filled with compressed gas were placed in compartments, and from these the balloon, which was harnessed with cords to a hollow mast connected with the cylinders, was inflated. The mast, which is of gaspipe, is adjustable, and, when turned forward, the big balloon acted as a sail, cars proving quite unnecessary.

The most interesting and convincing portion of the exhibition was when the passengers and crew were landed and the boat filled with water. Even with the extra submergence the boat floated along with scarcely a perceptible decrease in speed.

By the simple process of reversing the pumps, the inventor showed how he could pump gas from the balloon back into the cylinders. Some of the gas was then burned as a beacon light which could be seen for many miles around. With this and a reflector signal flares can be made, which would be certain to attract the attention of passing vessels.

Another claim of the inventor is that it can, by being harnessed from a sinking vessel, secure aid from shore before a life-saving crew, even though ready, could shoot a line aboard. Of ten owing to a strong wind directly off shore, the life-savers are unable to place a life line so that it can be of assistance.

This difficulty is met by Mr. Riley who has supplied his boat with a line. The boat, he claims, when supported by the balloon, could, even without a crew be headed for the shore, and owing to its remarkable buoyancy, would have little difficulty in riding breakers and getting within reach of the life-savers.—N. Y. Herald.

Athletic Feats on the Moon.
Did you ever get to thinking that you would enjoy a sudden transition from the earth to the moon? If you have, did you ever figure on the wonderful feats of muscular strength with which you could astonish your luminary neighbors, providing gravitation would have no more effect accordingly there than here? Let us figure: The moon only weighs one-eighth part as much as the earth. Gravitation must, therefore, be correspondingly less. If, therefore, a man weighed 140 pounds on this earth he would weigh but a fraction over 20 pounds according to the scales used on the moon. If, however, his muscles and frame remained the same as they were before being transferred to our silvery sister world, he could "astonish the natives" with his astounding athletic and muscular feats. He would be able to shoulder an elephant of the regulation size, and to yank a small mountain out by the roots. The buoyancy of his body would be so great that athletic feats would be easily accomplished. He could run a mile in something less than two seconds, or could by a single bound leap over a wall 24 feet high without greater exertion than would be required in clearing one only two feet in height.—St. Louis Republic.

Diagnosis of Grippe.
True Grippe is a germ disease. These germs are in the circulation and pervade every tissue and organ of the body. This brings speedy collapse and often death to the aged and debilitated. The only germicide known that searches out and destroys every germ in the system is Brazilian Elix. It reaches the germ centers! Acts a complete

PNEUMATIC BEDS.
Latest Innovation in Railway Travel as Applied to Sleeping Cars.

Sleeping on air is the latest innovation in railway travel. The use of compressed air for that purpose will, in the estimation of railway men, eventually revolutionize railway travel and relegate the familiar and somewhat clumsy Wagner and Pullman sleeping cars to the background.

At present the only car completely fitted with compressed air cushions and beds is the private car of Vice President J. N. Schenck, of the Pittsburgh & Lake Erie railroad. These have been found, however, to be not only practicable, but to possess so many advantages over the accommodations of ordinary sleeping and parlor cars that a number of roads are having similarly fitted ones constructed, and before long they will be in general use on many of the great trunk lines of the country.

Co. Schenck's car was built after the plans of L. F. Roth, the inventor of the latest system of car furnishing. In appearance it does not differ externally from the ordinary car chair. This is explained by the fact that instead of the usual upholstering the chair cushions are filled with compressed air, which lessens, in a great degree, to the occupant the jolting and jarring of the car when in motion.

During the day no one would for a moment suppose that he was riding in a sleeping car, and it is not until the day coach is transformed into a sleeper that the possibilities of the use of compressed air in this direction are fully realized.

The transformation is effected in this wise. First, the air in the chair cushions is exhausted, the light framework folded up and slipped into an opening in the side of the car. Thus all the seats in the car are disposed of, and it is ready for the beds.

The panels on either side of the windows open outward like a door. On the inside of these panels is a metal track over which is drawn a steel spring-like arrangement, which supports the bed. Fitting closely against the side of the car and concealed during the day by the closed panels is a rubber bag folded after the fashion of an accordion.

By turning a valve connected with a storage tank beneath the car, compressed air is admitted into the rubber bag, which inflates and forces itself outward from the sides of the car until it rests upon the steel framework, and the bed is ready to be made up. The head and foot of the bed are panels, which also fit into the side of the car.

When the berth or bed is not desired for use another valve is turned, and the air in the mattress expelled. The mattress itself assumes the appearance of an empty rubber bag, and is drawn back against the side of the car and the sleeping car is once more ready to become the parlor car for the day travel.

One great advantage claimed for these appliances is that they can be fitted to steamships and dwellings as well as cars.—San Francisco Chronicle.

COOKING AN OX WHOLE.
The New England Method of Preparing a Barbecue.

The ox is first split in the brisket and dressed much after the manner of dressing poultry. When roasted on the immense gridiron it is not stuffed with anything, but when roasted by being hung on a "spit" a filling is used. The spit process, however, does not thoroughly cook the beef, and the result is not likely to be so satisfactory as when the gridiron is used. Fully 12 hours' time will be required to get it to a proper condition for serving.

Before the beef is placed over the fire a knife is thrust into it in a dozen places to a depth of 10 or 12 inches. In the cavities thus made salt, pepper and other condiments are placed. The cook finds that this keeps the rich juice in the meat, and only fat drops out in the pan under the beef. Every now and then the meat is basted with a savory sauce. This sauce is made from the recipe of a famous old French cook, and the secret of its composition is carefully guarded. When the beef is carved the flavor of the juice is especially fine. The beef rests on ten two-inch pipes laid across a pit which is walled with stone much like a cellar. Charcoal is used for fuel, for with this a steady, slow fire can be kept going. A three-inch pipe runs through the length of the body of the ox, and this pipe is fastened at each end to strong ropes which work on pulleys. By this means the great roast is raised to be turned over after one side has been against the fire for some hours. The cooking of the back is also done in this way, for by the ropes the ox can be placed in almost any position. It takes four men to raise it in this way, and they do it six or seven times during the process of cooking.

Only sweet potatoes are served with the beef, and in this particular the barbecue of the north differs much from the genuine southern kind. In the south many other things are cooked in like manner as the beef. Young pigs are part of a southern feast as well as turkeys, chickens, fish of various kinds, and game are roasted and various kinds of vegetables are served. Corn is roasted in the husks, and potatoes and turnips are also roasted.—Boston Transcript.

Booming the Place.
"Is this place healthy?"

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"That being so how do you account for the great array of grave stones up in this country?"

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—Harlem Life.

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